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> STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

THOMAS J. KIM, M.D.

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER OF LICENSURE

Thomas J. Kim, M.D., a Board certified gynecologist who previously practiced reproductive endocrinology in California, has applied for a license to practice medicine and surgary in the State of New Jersey. The applicant disclosed in his application for licensure that prior to applying for a New Jersey medical license he engaged in a long term romantic relationship with a patient being treated for fertility issues including cryptherapy who was also a female physician. Although the California Medical Board did not take any disciplinary action, a malpractice action brought by the patient was settled by Dr. Kim for \$130,000.00 with no admissions of wrongdoing.

Upon review of Dr. Kim's application for licensure including his testimony before a Committee of the Board, the Board found it adequately protective of the public safety to grant Dr. Kim a plenary

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license with a reprimend for professional misconduct based on the prior intimate consensual relationship with a patient. In reaching this decision the Board considered that this was an isolated incident and boundaries and the applicant's judgment were in part blurred because the patient was a physician.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ON THIS 12 DAY OF October 2007 ORDERED:

- 1. Thomas J. Kim is hereby reprimended for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).
- 2. Thomas J. Kim is hereby granted an unrestricted license to practice in the State of New Jersey.

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By:

Mario A. Criscito, M.D.

President

I have read the within Order, understand its terms and agree to be bound by them. I hereby consent to entry of the Order by the Board of Medical Examiners.

Thomas J. Kim, M.D.

Consent as to form.

Susan Fruchtman, Esq.